

# HOW MANY NATIONAL HOLIDAYS? EASY, EH?

Well, Here's a Wino Bet by Noted Men, and Only One Could Answer.

There was a merry Thanksgiving party last evening in a large uptown hotel. Dinner was over and the small-talk moments had come. Every man there is prominent in the life of New York. All are men notable for distinction in their respective professions. The conversation finally swung round to holidays—national holidays.

"Let us see," said one. "There are only two national holidays—Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July."

"Wrong," said the man sitting next to him. "The Fourth of July is the only national holiday."

"No," put in a third, "there are two—the Fourth and Washington's birthday."

The discussion waxed around the table. Everybody knew it was either Decoration Day or the Fourth or Thanksgiving or New Year's or Christmas or Labor Day.

The Man with the "No."

All this while one man in the party had been leaning back in his chair chuckling to himself. At last when all his companions had made a guess he spoke up.

"There is no national holiday," he said. "Immediately there was a chorus of 'You're wrong!' and 'Well, you'd have thought you would make a crazy statement like that.'"

"All right," answered the chuckling one. "What I say is a fact. There is no national holiday. And if any one here is game, why I'll bet him the champagne for the crowd."

All hands were eager to get aboard the wager, but the challenger chose a man who had flouted him the most.

"Now prove it," was thrown at the no-national-holiday man.

"In a moment," and he sent to the hotel office for the World Almanac. Opening it at page 31, he called for silence and then read:

Here is the Ruling.

"There is no National holiday, not even the Fourth of July. Congress has at various times appointed special holidays. In the latest session of the Fifty-third Congress it passed an act

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making Labor Day a public holiday in the District of Columbia, and it has recognized the existence of certain days as holidays for commercial purposes, but, with the exception named, there is no general statute on the subject. The proclamation of the President signing a day of Thanksgiving only makes it a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, and in the States and in these States which provide by law for it.

All was silence for a moment while all hands looked sheepishly at one another.

"You see," said the younger winner, "one who was ordered by the man who had poured out his statement, and knew what I was betting on. It was only last year that I bet the winner on the same proposition. Now you all go forth and stick somebody else."

**THORNG SAW HIM KILLED.**

PHILIPSBURG, N. J., Dec. 1.—John Niece, one of the oldest engineers on the Bozerville-Duane Railroad, was on duty and killed on the Union Square crossing of that road today.

The accident occurred in the heart of the business section of the town and was witnessed by hundreds of people.

**BENNINGS ENTRIES.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

BENNINGS RACE TRACK, D. C.  
Dec. 1.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

THIRD RACE—Handicap, three-year-olds and upward; about two miles. Five furlongs. Three-year-olds and upward, one mile on Columbia course.

FOURTH RACE—The Maximum, three-year-olds and upward; three miles. Five furlongs. Three-year-olds and upward, one mile on Columbia course.

FIFTH RACE—Maiden, three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs on Columbia course.

SIXTH RACE—Handicap, three-year-olds and upward; one mile and forty yards on Columbia course.

SEVENTH RACE—Match, \$1,000 each; both two-year-olds; six furlongs; Columbia course.

CORNELL'S NEW CAPTAIN.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—The Cornell football team last night elected Ray Orman as captain of the team for next year.

**SMOKE TALK**

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